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Carol Hanlon, DOE

Hello, this is to let you know that, as a concerned Nevadan, I am opposed to DOE's proposed nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain. Here are some reasons:

- * First, you cannot assure me or anyone that it is safe. We cannot predict tomorrow's weather, and you are telling me, "trust me on this, the repository will be safe for thousands of years?"
- * Second, it is not a suitable site. I am not going to go into geologic details, but DOE erred. Just a couple of weeks ago former President Clinton said that the site in Texas was farther from populated areas than Yucca.
- * Third, this is not Nevada's waste. It belongs in states that have more political clout than Nevada, but "things they are a changing." Nevada today is not the little old Nevada of the 1950s and 1960s.
- * Fourth, as it is, the federal government has wasted enough Nevada land already. People had to remind you that "Nevada is not a wasteland." There are a lot of people who love Nevada as it is, and unlike the feds, they don't think that the Nevada desert is a "desert."
- * Fifth, your plans on Yucca will affect every Nevadan for hundreds of generations, but you have been very stingy informing the public about it. The hearings in Las Vegas will last just two weeks. Do you think that is enough? You are trying to railroad this thing on us.
- * Sixth, Nevadans know that, unfortunately, in the past our government has lied to us. You should know, then, that we do not trust the DOE and that many oppose you. I wonder if you are sufficiently aware. Don't think for a minute that the opposition to Yucca is the orchestrated effort of a minority group or by the State of Nevada.

Please, be sure to forward my concerns to your superiors and to Secretary Spencer Abraham. Thank you.
Sincerely

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